

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 5 as follows:

The nuclear localization sequence (NLS) encoded in the NVF plasmid is from the SV40 large T antigen and encodes the amino acid sequence Pro-Lys-Lys-Lys-Arg-Lys-Val (SEQ ID NO:39). Kalderon *et al.* (1984) *Cell* **39**:499-509. The VP16 activation domain contains amino acids 413 to 490 of the VP16 protein sequence. Hagmann *et al.* (1997) *J. Virology* **71**:5952-5962. The FLAG epitope (Kodak) is included to allow specific detection of plasmid-encoded proteins. The vector also includes markers for ampicillin and neomycin resistance, for selection in bacterial and mammalian cells, respectively. A map of the NVF plasmid is shown in Figure 3.